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SUBJECT: W/W AMCITS LOCATED IN TURKISH AREAS

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1. HARRIS AND LOUIS CHAMBI, AS WELL AS LOUIS CHRISTOFI, ARE STAYING IN HOME OF LOIZOS CHRISTOFI, ALSO REPORTED TO BE AMERICAN CITIZEN. (WE UNABLE VERIFY UNTIL WE ALLOWED CONSULAR ACCESS). THEY WERE VISITED BY TURKISH MILITARY IN EPHTAKOMI VILLAGE TEN DAYS AGO AND REPORTED TO BE WELL. IN PASSING THIS INFO, TURKISH EMBASSY NOTED THAT THEIR MILITARY HAD UNCOVERED SEVEN AMCITS IN THIS VILLAGE. OUR RECORDS SHOW TEN.

2. SINCE VISITING VILLAGE AND REPORTING WELL-BEING OF SUBJECTS, TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN NO APPARENT STEPS MOVE THEM TO NICOSIA. SAME TRUE FOR OTHER AMCITS LOCATED IN NORTH-EASTERN SECTOR. LACK OF ACTIVITY LEADS US CONCLUDE THAT TURKISH MILITARY IS DELIBERATELY PROCRASTINATING, EITHER BECAUSE THEY CONSIDER INDIVIDUALS TO BE ESSENTIALLY GREEK, OR BECAUSE THEY HOPE TO USE DELAY AS PLOY TO ENCOURAGE US WEIGH IN ON ISSUE TURK CYPRIOTS LOCATED IN SOUTH. POSSIBLE BOTH FACTORS INVOLVED.

3. WE HAVE EMPHASIZED TO TURKISH OFFICIALS HERE THAT CONTINUED DELAY WILL HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, CITING HIGH LEVEL CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN WELL-BEING U.S. CITIZENS CAUGHT UP IN WAR. WE HAVE NOTED THAT ANY EFFORT USE THESE INDIVIDUALS AS BARGAINING COUNTERS WOULD ELICIT VERY STRONG REACTION IN U.S. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANKARA TAKING SIMILAR LINE
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